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Application Number	09/801,339
Filing Date	March 7, 2001
First Named Inventor	Chen
Art Unit	2818
Examiner Name	L. K. Tran
Attorney Docket Number	010025

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b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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In re application of: Chen et al.

Application No.: 09/801,339  
Filed: March 7, 2001

Examiner: L. K. Tran  
Group Art Unit: 2818

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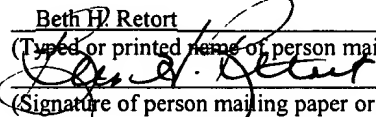
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Claim Amendments begin on page 2; and

Remarks begin on page 7.